

COURIER POINTS.

It is a long leg that has no more pulling.

Many and many a domestic dispute is won by the loser.

When you want to quarrel start it. Don't be pulled in.

A girl can like most any man unless her parents want her to.

A girl's skirts will always stay down more easily if she is awful thin.

It is not so terribly funny to get into the habit of being a father.

Mothers who know how to feed birds seldom know how to feed children.

It makes a man a good deal madder to be called a liar than to be one.

The man who starts out to get rich is lucky if he keeps from going broke.

Christian Science throws up its job when it tackles a simple case of colic.

If a man married his cook probably she would give just the same notice.

Almost every woman wakes up at her worst, but the smart ones don't show it.

It isn't what you know that men like you girls for. It's what you let them tell you.

The difference between form and figure is all natural selections—of a dressmaker.

There would be a lot of money for everybody if it was like clouds of typhoid fever.

There is so much talk in politics it is no wonder women think they ought to be in it.

A girl can make an awful lot of trouble by not letting you kiss her when she wants to.

Anyway, a woman knows better than to advise a man about how to make shaving easy.

Don't handle trouble by long distance 'phone and you'll find how much of it you will escape.

All men like to be coddled, but they don't want you to know that they know you are doing it.

A person always has an idea that when he is half asleep with a fishing rod in his hand he is a great man.

When a woman says that her cook is just dying to stay she means she may not go till the end of the week.

A man has to be very proud of his children to think they are as good looking as if he would be if he didn't have so many business worries.

Half the men worry because they are late to business and the other half because they are on time.

Woman, at least, should judge woman, not so much by what she has done as by what she has resisted.

The latest proof that "fashionable patients perscribe for their doctors" is the auto cure for dyspepsia.

A woman says her husband has a good temper when he slams the front door without breaking the hinges.

It's dangerous for a girl to fight against a man's trying to kiss her because the noise might make somebody suspicious.

A woman has faith that a man can protect her from burglars, but knows nothing on earth can from mice.

One reason a boy has a good time away in boarding-school is nobody expects him to be good the way his mother does at home.

The season of indigestion is now at hand. Ring's Dyspepsia Tablets relieve indigestion, and correct all stomach disorders. Sold by Dempsey & Schell.

WHERE IS THE WORLD GOING?

Astronomers Go to Chile in Search of the Earth's Destination.

An importance which relatively few persons are aware of attaches to an expedition which has just gone to Chile from the Lick observatory in California. Its object is to find out whither we are all bound.

Everybody has heard that the solar system is flying swiftly toward the north. It is a plunging flight that carries us more than 43,000 miles straight through the ether every hour of the day and night. It is a motion that has nothing to do with the earth's annual revolution about the sun, except as it prevents that revolution from carrying the earth back turn and turn to the same spot in space.

In truth, we never get back to the same place. Every new year comes in with the globe at a point more than 300,000,000 miles nearer to a very northern star, named Vega, than it was a year earlier. As far as the evidence now in hand goes the flight of the sun toward the north is as straight as that of an arrow, but the path described by the earth, since it is compelled all the while to circle round and round the flying sun, is as a great spiral.

And thus we sweep onward, moving continually into new regions, running through what perils nobody can guess—perhaps none at all—and impelled by a force as mysterious as that which drew the unfortunate ship in the Arabian Nights to be wrecked on the mountain of Adamant.

It is this strange voyage of the sun and its worlds through the unexplored ocean of immensity that the Californian astronomers have gone to South America to investigate.

Now, the precise object of the expedition to Chile is to examine the flight of the Southern stars from which we are flying away. They have been much less studied than have the Northern stars, to which we are drawing nearer. It is as if the people on the bow of a ship, after watching for a long time the effects of their approach to objects ahead, should visit the stern in order to note the recession of objects behind. Through a combination of such observations the speed and direction of the ship's motion could be deduced.

But there are many other absorbingly interesting questions relating to the organization of the universe, and our place and rank in it, which will be brought nearer to solution by the success of the exploration of the Southern heavens, now beginning.—Collier's Weekly.

RAILROADS THAT DISAPPEAR.

Effect of the Combinations Made in the Last Ten Years.

The extent of railroad consolidation in this country in the last few years is strikingly illustrated by the recently announced merger of the Rock Island and St. Louis & San Francisco interests. In combination the two roads will constitute a system of some 15,000 miles, and their combined capital stock at the present figure, will be about \$200,000,000. The territory served by the system comprises more than a dozen states, the Western terminal being Denver; the Eastern, Birmingham, Ala.; the Northern, Chicago, and the Southern, Galveston.

Not more than ten years ago there were eighty railroads furnishing weekly compilations of earnings. Today only fifty-five roads publish such figures, so that twenty-five have disappeared. In a few cases this is due to the abandonment of reports, but in far the greater number the reason is found in consolidation.

The roads that have disappeared were at one time big factors in the railroad world. Their names were on the tongues of investors and shippers day after day. Now it is doubtful if some are even a memory, so completely has their identity been merged in the systems of which they are a part.

A partial list of such roads is of interest. It includes: The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern; Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern; Chicago & Eastern Illinois; Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw; Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling; Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis; Peoria, Decatur & Evansville; Pittsburg & Western; Cleveland, Akron & Columbus; Cleveland, Canton & Southern; Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis; Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham; Memphis & Birmingham; Memphis & Charleston; St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute; Western New York & Pennsylvania; Rio Grande Western; St. Paul & Duluth; Western Maryland; Mobile & Ohio, and Colorado Midland.

There are, of course, many roads not mentioned in this list, but these alone account for some 9,000 miles of railway. To them should be added the Northern Pacific, the Burlington and the Great Northern, all now in the Northern Securities Company. In all there are to be included about 25,000 miles of roads, which have practically disappeared as independent concerns. All this has been brought about in less than ten years.—New York Sun.

Meredith Perry of eight miles south of Marshall, a resident of Saline county for nearly 40 years, died of general debility Thursday at the advanced age of 82. Two sons and two daughters survive him.

Adozen cards with your name artistically written by the professional penman of the Moberly Business college, Moberly, Mo., will be sent free to any one sending in the names of young people intending to enter business college.

Ladies fair, composing the Missouri Valley college and the Marshall high school basketball teams, tried conclusions Thursday. The college lassies won by a score of 8 to 6.

Con Collins, a miner who works in the Williamsom coalmines at Brookfield, returned home in the rain, and, feeling in need of refreshments, drank a pan of sour milk. Ptomaine poisoning was the result, but Mr. Collins' life was saved by skilled physicians.

A petition is being circulated and numerously signed by citizens of Saline county asking the county court to order an election for the purpose of voting on a proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000 to erect a brick building at the county farm for the inmates of that institution.

The dredge-boat, which has been at work upon the Cherry Valley extension of the drainage district, completed that ditch last week. It will immediately enter upon the work of the Wenzel lake ditch, just west of Norborne, where there is about two miles of dredging to be done.

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The products of the farm in the United States for the year 1905 are estimated by government statistics at \$6,415,000,000. And yet some farmers continue to grumble. Don't do it, gentlemen; you are much better off than most of us.

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Eli Bascom of near Norborne was accidentally shot and dangerously wounded in the left hip with a 22-calibre rifle in the hands of Jesse Wagner. The ball passed through Bascom's body and lodged in the right groin where it was located and removed by Dr. Lawrence. Wagner had been out hunting rabbits and on his way home he was practicing with his rifle. Among other things he shot at an old wagon wheel and the leaden charge from the rifle struck the iron tire of the wheel and was deflected in such a way as to strike Bascom in the manner stated above. Fears are entertained that Bascom may not recover.

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Samuel McMahan, aged 72, of Marshall crossed the dark river Wednesday night of general debility. His widow and two daughters survive him.

Miss Willie Field, who was born and reared in Saline county, died suddenly at the home of her brother, John, near Orearville, Saturday night, aged about 40 years.

Any one suffering from Kidney pains, backache, bladder trouble or rheumatism who will take a dose of Pine-ules upon retiring at night shall be relieved before morning. Sold by Dempsey & Schell.

Mrs. Amanda Caldwell of Slater passed away Sunday night in the 64th year of her age. Deceased was a native of Kentucky and was the widow of W. C. Caldwell. She leaves two sons and two daughters.

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